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FOR EB/FTD, SUSAN FOUTS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, HK, US

SUBJ: U.S.-HONG KONG TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

REF: A. STATE 169437, B. HONG KONG 8627

1. TEXTILE TEAM IN GENEVA UNDERSTANDS THAT CLEARANCE OF DRAFT U.S.-HK AGREEMENT EXTENDING PRESENT AGREEMENT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1977 BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES IS COMPLETE AND THAT CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY HAS BEEN OBTAINED. NOTE GIVING EFFECT TO EXTENSION IS FAIRLY SHORT AND ITS PREPARATION SHOULD NOT CAUSE MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM HONG KONG'S TSAO AND MILLS THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES EXTENDING PRESENT AGREEMENT WOULD AMELIORATE TRADE PROBLEMS AND PRESSURES. WE BELIEVE THAT APPROVAL OF EXTENSION WILL MODERATE PRESSURES TO PUBLICIZE DETAILS OF NEW AGREEMENT SOMEWHAT IN HK, BUT CERTAINLY WILL NOT ELIMINATE THEM IN EITHER HK OR U.S.

2. WITH RESPECT TO NEW (1978-1982) AGREEMENT, DELAYS ARE NOT RPT NOT CAUSE BY QUESTIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF  
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AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED WITH HONG KONG, BUT ARE RESULT OF CAREFUL LEGAL AND TECHNICAL (IMPLEMENTATION) REVIEW BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES OF A VERY IMPORTANT AGREEMENT. WE WISH TO EXCHANGE NOTES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT AT EXPENSE OF MAKING SERIOUS LEGAL OR TECHNICAL ERROR. DEPENDING ON MFA RENEWAL NEGOTIATIONS (NOW NEARING END OF THIRD WEEK IN GENEVA), U.S. TEAM IN GENEVA SHOULD BE

ABLE TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON IN FEW DAYS AND REVIEW  
QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE ARISEN DURING REVIEW OF DRAFT NOTE.  
TEAM DOES NOT AT ALL EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT IT MAY BE  
DESIRABLE TO MAKE SOME NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN TEXT  
OF DRAFT NOTE TO HELP CLARIFY AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTA-  
TION OR LEGAL PURPOSES AND TO INSURE THAT IT CORRES-  
POND IN ALL IMPORTANT RESPECTS TO UNDERSTANDINGS  
REACHED DURING NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, TEAM STRESSES  
THAT ANY SUCH CHANGES WOULD NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT  
CHANGE IN SUSTANCE OF UNDERSTANDINGS WITH HK NEGOTIA-  
TORS AND THAT HIGHEST PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO SPEEDY  
EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON NEW AGREEMENT. MILLS INFORMED OF  
DECISION TO EXTEND CURRENT AGREEMENT. CONGEN SHOULD ADVISE TSAO.  
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